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SUBJECT: INECEL-BINATIONAL COMMISSION GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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1. ACTING DIRECTOR, FULBRIGHT COMMISSION, CAO AND REPRESENTATIVE OF INECEL MET RECENTLY TO FURTHER DISCUSS PROPOSED I-C SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND TO MODIFY DRAFT CONTRACT.

2. ANOTHER MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO GO OVER RE-DRAFTED CONTRACT. CONTRACT WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR YOUR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BEFORE SIGNING.

3. COMMISSION AND INECEL ARE ENTHUSIASTIC AND HOPE PROJECT WILL BE A CONTINUING ONE. CONTRACT WILL HAVE CLAUSES FOR 1) RENEWAL OF GRANT IF AGREEABLE TO BOTH PARTIES AND 2) INECEL'S FINANCING I-C RENEWALS.

4. AS NOW PLANNED, PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN ACADEMIC YEAR 1976 WITH INECEL FINANCING SEVEN FULL SCHOLARSHIPS (\$6,000 EACH ONE, TOTAL \$42,000) AND THREE PARTIALS (\$1,500 EACH ONE, \$4,500 TOTAL). COMMISSION WILL COMPLETE THREE PARTIALS (\$4,500 EACH ONE, \$13,500 TOTAL) AND PROVIDE TRAVEL GRANTS FOR SEVEN FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AND THREE PARTIALS (TEN TOTAL TRAVEL GRANTS TOTALLING \$6,500)

4. INECEL TOTAL CONTRIBUTION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1976 WILL THUS BE \$46,500 AND COMMISSION \$20,000.

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5. INECEL CONTRIBUTION WILL BE TURNED OVER TO COMMISSION

TO ADMINISTER WITH INECEL REPRESENTATIVE SITTING ON  
FINAL SELECTION PANEL.

6. IN ANSWER TO POINT 3, REFTEL, COMMISSION WISHES TO  
MAINTAIN A SMALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INDEPENDENT OF I-C  
PROJECT. WITH AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$20,000  
TO INECEL PROJECT, COMMISSION WILL HAVE \$15,000 FOR  
OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND WILL BE ABLE TO RENEW STUDENT  
GRANTS OBLIGATED FROM ACADEMIC YEAR 1975.

7. I-C AGREEMENT TAKES AN IMPORTANCE FROM STANDPOINT  
OF GIVING COMMISSION MORE RESOURCES AND LARGER PROGRAM;  
ALMOST A RAISON D'ETRE. THIS COMES AT A TIME WHEN THE  
COMMISSION WAS THOROUGHLY DISHEARTENED AT SEEING ITS  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REDUCED BECAUSE OF INFLATIONARY  
PRICE INCREASES AND ENDING OF PUERTO RICAN WORKSHOPS.

8. WITHIN EMBASSY AND OVERALL COUNTRY PROGRAM, THE I-C  
AGREEMENT IS LESS IMPORTANT. WERE CU TO GET INCREASED  
FY'76 APPROPRIATIONS, FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR AN  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN CEPE AND THE COMMISSION FOR  
TRAINING PETROLEUM ENGINEERS OR FOR FACULTY  
DEVELOPMENT IN OCEANOGRAPHY OR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.  
THE FIRST VIA CEPE WOULD BE IN INTERESTS OF EMBASSY  
OBJECTIVES AND AT SAME TIME DRAMATICALLY INCREASE  
COMMISSION PROGRAM RESOURCES; THE LATTER WOULD  
COMPLEMENT OUR GOALS IN ECUADOR.  
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